

(c) and (d) Government have decided to allow export of 10 lakh tonnes of sugar and not charge levy on the export quantity for a period of six months with effect from 1st June, 2000.

As of now sugar factories have informed that they have contracted exports in small quantities for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Fish Landing Centres

3261. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for construction of fishing harbour and/or fish landing centres submitted by the Government of Kerala await sanction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the delay in according sanction; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The following proposals for construction of fishing harbours/fish landing centres are under consideration in this Ministry:

1. Minor Fishing Harbour at Ponnani.
2. Fish Landing Centre at Chempu.
3. Fish Landing Centre at Kazhimbram.

(b) and (c) The proposal of the Government of Kerala for construction of a minor fishing harbour at Ponnani in Malappuram district at an estimated cost of Rs. 2970.00 lakhs has been referred to Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore for detailed technical scrutiny. The CICEF has sought clarifications and additional technical details from the Government of Kerala on the main components of the project pertaining to breakwater, quay, dredging and reclamation etc. The Institute can examine the Techno-Economic Feasibility of the project, only on receipt of technical information required from the State Government. The proposals for construction of fish landing centres at Chempu in Ernakulam district and at Kazhimbram in Trissur District at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.60 lakhs and Rs. 29.65 lakhs respectively has been examined in the Ministry, and the State Government has been requested to update the cost estimates of both the project proposals based on the current Schedule of Rates. The updated cost estimate of the projects are awaited from the State Government for progressing the proposals further.